18. Raw wool imported by registered apex Handloom Co-operative Societies/State Handloom Development Corporation are fully exempted from import duty in 1988-89

19. Import and excise duty on various textile machineries has been reduced in 1988-89 Budget.

20. Import duty on M.E.G. has been reduced from 155% to 90% from 2-5-1988 onwards.

21. Excise duty on Nylon Filament Yarn has been reduced to Rs. 10.50 per kg. from Rs. 70/-perkg. if intended for use for the manufacture of Nylon/Cotton Blended Sarees subject to the conditions prescribed in the Central Excise Notification No. 208/87-CE dated 11-9-1987.

22. Polyester Staple Fibre is fully exempted from Excise duty if intended for use for the manufacture of low price fabrics subject to the conditions prescribed in the Central Excise Notification No. 191/85 dated 28-8-1985. The Polyester Staple Fibre is exempted from whole of the additional duty when imported into India for the manufacture of low price fabrics subject to the condition prescribed in the Customs Notification No. 276/85 dated 28-8-1985.

23. Excise duty on cotton yarn has been reduced in 1988-89 Budget. The reduction varies from one p ise onw rds depending on the counts of the yarn.

24. Viscose Filament Yarn supplied to the Registered Handloom Cooperative Societies has to pay 50% of the duty prescribed for other users.

25. Excise duty on polyester/wool blended yarn has reduced from Rs. 30/-kg. to Rs. 15/-kg. in 1987-88 Budget.

26. Under a duty credit scheme rebate of Rs. 43.75 per kg. on polyester filament yarn will be given for manufacture of fabrics under a programme duly approved by the Textile Ministry subject to certain conditions.

Government have constituted a Committee to monitor the selling prices of Polyester Staple Fibre, Acrylic Staple Fibre, Polyester Filament Yarn, Nylon Filament Yarn, Blended Spun Yarn and Blended as well as 100% Synthetic Fabrics with a view to determining whether the duty concessions given in the 1988-89 Budget are passed on to the consumers.

Dispute between CCI and NTC regarding payment towards cotton supplied to NTC

211. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any dispute between the Cotton Corporation of India and National Textile Corporation over the payment for cotton supplied by the former to the latter as reported in the Economic Times of 1st August, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Simplification of procedure to facilitate export of gold jewellery and gems

212. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to simplify and streamline the procedure for export of gold jewellery and gems; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Government have recently

taken certain measures for promoting exports of Gems & Jewellery. These include simplification, streamlining and relaxation of procedures under the Gold Control Act, facility for stock and supply of gold for 100 per cent Export production by the MMTC, improvement in Bank credit facility etc.

Exemption of customs duty on cold storage plant imported from Japan

213. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Karnataka Government for grant of customs duty exemption to the Cold Storage Plant imported from Japan for the Karnataka Sericulture Project;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not giving exemption; and

(c) in case the customs duty exemption is not given, will the Government of India support the Karnataka Sericulture Project appropriately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Reports and Accounts (for the year ended the 31st December, 1987) of the various regional rural banks and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Regional Rural Banks for the year ended the 31st December, 1987, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts:—

(1) Varada Grameena Bank

(2) Ranchi Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(3 Nagaland Rural Bank

(4) Rae Bareli Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(5) Tungabhadra Gramin Bank

(6) Panchmahal Vadodara Gramin Bank

(7) Sri Sathavahana Grameena Bank

(8) Sagar Gramin Bank

(9) Shahdol Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(10) Kshetriya Kishan Gramin Bank

(11) Jaipur Nagaur Aanchalik Gramin Bank

(12) Ballia Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(13) Rayalaseema Grameena Bank

(14) Kamraz Rural Bank

(15) Kapurthala Firozepur Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(16) Pragjyotish Gaonlia Bank

(17) Prathma Bank

(18) Palamau Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(19) Kashi Gramin Bank

(20) Madhubani Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(21) Santhal Parganas Gramin Bank

(22) Rushikulya Gramya Bank